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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT [IDS]

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Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in accordance with 37 CFR §§1.97, 1.98, and it is requested that the information set forth in this statement and in the listed documents be considered during the pendency of the above-identified application, and any other application relying on the filing date of the above-identified application or cross-referencing it as a related application.

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[] A. within three months of the filing date of the above-identified national application or within three months of the entry into the national stage of the above-identified international application.

[X] B. before the mailing date of a first office action on the merits or before the mailing of a first Office action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR §1.114; or

☐ C. after (A) and (B) above, but before final rejection or allowance, and Applicant has made the necessary certification (box "i" below) or paid the necessary fee (box "ii" below):

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☒ B. Certain documents were previously cited by or submitted to the Office in the following prior application(s), which are relied upon under 35 U.S.C. 120: WO 2004/048559 A1

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Applicant identifies these documents by attaching hereto copies of the forms PTO-892, PTO-1449, PTO/SB/08a and/or PTO/SB/08b (or their BN form equivalents) from the files of the prior application(s) or a fresh BN/SB/08A and/or BN/SB/08B listing these documents, and request that they be considered and made of record in accordance with 37 CFR \$1.98(d). Per 37 CFR

§1.98(d), copies of these documents need not be filed in this application.

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- ☐ An English translation of each document _____ (or of the pertinent portions thereof), or a copy of an English-language abstract (or claim) is enclosed.
- ☐ For documents _____, a corresponding English-language patent or published application is included on the accompanying Form BN/SB/08A, with a line drawn in the margin connecting the non-English-language document with its corresponding English-language document.
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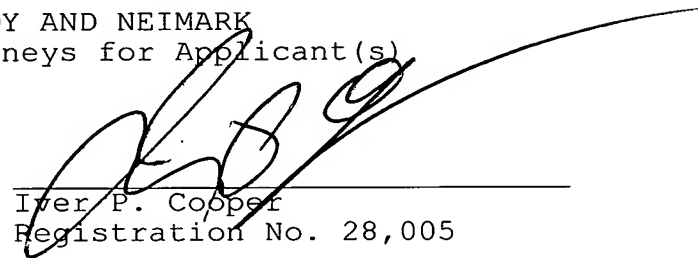
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